GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4020
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2008
EXPORT PROMOTION AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT WELFARE SCHEME
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the programmes being implemented by the Government under the "Export Promotion and Market Development" welfare scheme alongwith the names of agencies and the States where the said programmes are being implemented during each of the last three years and in the current year, till date; and

(b) the details regarding the funds, grants, loans and other financial assistance provided to various States particularly, Rajasthan under the said scheme during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme, Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme and Assistance to States for Creating Infrastructure for the Development and Growth of Exports (ASIDE) Scheme are being administered by the Department of Commerce. The MDA scheme is intended to provide financial assistance for a range of export promotion activities being implemented by the Export Promotion Councils and Industry and Trade Associations on a regular basis every year. MAI scheme is intended to provide financial assistance for medium term export promotion efforts with sharp focus on a country/product.Financial assistance is available for Export Promotion Councils, Industry and Trade Associations, Agencies of State Governments, Indian commercial Missions abroad and other eligible entities as may be notified. Under ASIDE scheme, funds are granted to all States/Union Territory Administrations including State of Rajasthan on the basis of approved allocation criteria.

(b)
(i) State Government Projects funded under MAI Scheme during the last three years.